

A True Identity

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

- Those sanctified (vs 2)
- Paul reminds the church of Corinth that they are vital and distinctive, not as a result of what they have accomplished, but because God has declared them to be.
 - Identity – who you are; the distinguishing character or personality of an individual
 - Purpose – the reason for which you exist; something to be attained

○ Six encouragements to the Corinthian church. You are;

1. Saved (vs 4)

2. Enriched (vs 5)

3. Established (vs 6)

4. Gifted (vs 7)

5. Filled (vs 7)

6. Secure (vs 8-9)

- Paul's encouragements all originate and are recognized in Jesus Christ alone. It is God who has acted on our behalf.
 - We are saints not because we are somehow saintly, but because we have called upon the name of Jesus Christ. (vs 2)
 - The grace we have received has come from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (vs3), it is not earned by us, but given as a gift through Jesus. (vs 4)
 - We have been enriched in Jesus. (vs 5)
 - Our hope is not in our abilities or achievements; our hope is in Jesus. (vs 7)
 - We are found blameless not in our own goodness or good works, but in the work of Christ. (vs 8)
 - We live secure in the knowledge that our God is faithful and He has called us into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (vs 9)



you are made for more

- What have you learned this week about your identity in Jesus Christ and your calling in His church?

- What step(s) can you take this week to more effectively live into your identity?



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